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GAME DAY TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Football game weekends are always busy in Oxford, but with the Texas game comes a greater influx of people than usual, and the Oxford and University Police Departments are preparing.



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BY HANNAH FRANK
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Police and other traffic officials in the area are preparing for a large number of people for the Texas football this game weekend.

While football games are one of the most anticipated

events that many Ole Miss students, faculty and alumni look forward to, many people have come to dread the traffic and parking that come along with game weekends.

For the Texas game, which has garnered rumors of upwards 100,000 people to be in Oxford this weekend, traf-

fic is becoming a concern to not only Ole Miss fans, but to the Oxford Police Department (OPD) and the University Police Department (UPD) as well.

On a regular school day, parking and traffic are issues

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Oxford Inn set to undergo renovations

The Downtown Oxford Inn off the Square is set to be demolished and rebuilt between December and spring of 2014 in an attempt to boost tourism and economic growth in Oxford.

BY MOLLY YATES
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The Chamblee Hospitality Group has announced the closing, complete demolition, rebuilding and reopening of the landmark Downtown Oxford Inn, beginning Dec. 2.

Luke Chamblee, president of Chamblee Hospitality Group, said the 60-year-old building, which was acquired by the group in 2002, will undergo a complete upheaval and reconstruction to update the aging and inadequate facilities for a reopening in spring 2014.

The current building, which sits on a 2.5-acre plot, and, according to Chamblee, is "the

most outstanding piece of real estate in the Southeast and arguably in the nation," underwent a \$7 million update in 2003. However, it still has rooms with outside-access doors, called "exterior-corridor" rooms, which Chamblee understands as being undesirable and uncomfortable for guests, even in a city as safe as Oxford.

The remodeled establishment will be called Hotel Oxford and is being designed under the Hotel Indigo brand of the InterContinental Hotels Group, which will allow the Chamblee Group to fit the look and feel of the hotel to the atmosphere

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Sidna Brower Mitchell remembers the riots

Former editor-in-chief of The Mississippian, Sidna Brower Mitchell, discusses specific events of the riots 50 years ago and the university's approach to the anniversary.



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Sidna Brower Mitchell spoke during a panel for the Centennial Celebration of The DM this past summer.

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When Sidna Brower Mitchell returned to campus from a football game in Jackson on the night of Sept. 30, 1962, she witnessed an event that would not only change the university, but her life as well.

Federal marshals surrounded the Lyceum, and rocks and coke bottles were being thrown from the crowd.

"How can this be happening?" Mitchell thought to herself.

She remembers a bottle crashing on the curb where she was standing.

"I jumped back just to get out of the way."

That night, Mitchell attended a meeting in the old student union building with campus leaders.

"We were asked what we could do to try to keep things calm and to encourage students to go back to their dorms and other people to leave," she said.

Mitchell said the marshals "had enough" and brought

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The importance of the Chicago strike



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The teachers' strike in Chicago is one of the most important stands taken by educators for the future of education in the United States. Strong, effective education for young people is immensely important not only to those individuals, but to our nation as a whole. Countries whose citizens are well educated have greater innovation and economic growth.

In Chicago, teachers are striking for the sake of not only their futures, but the futures of the students they teach. At the forefront of this strike is how to evaluate

student and teacher performance in the classroom.

The city of Chicago has chosen a straitjacket for its teachers. In coming years, standardized testing will account for 40 percent of total teacher evaluations.

At first glance it makes sense. Linking teacher performance to student performance seems like the best way to find the best teachers for students. And that would be a great way to evaluate teachers.

The problem comes with what defines student performance. For the city of Chicago, they have decided that it is standardized tests. Teachers who have students who perform well on standardized tests must be great teachers, right?

Unfortunately, it's not that simple. Converting a student into a raw number does not properly evaluate their

growth in school. School, especially primary school, is a time of great growth not only in learning, but in overall development. Test scores are not sufficient to show how much a student has gotten out of a class.

Jesse Rothstein, associate professor of Public Policy at University of California, Berkeley, points out that "There are big swings from year to year" in standardized test results, and there are other studies that show there are correlations between good test scores and other metrics like teenage pregnancy and incomes in students.

Yet, with such varying ideas about how effective test scores themselves are of a measure of performance, it is too soon to link such a large portion of teacher performance to wildly varying numbers. Research from The Upjohn Institute has found

that in the few instances where pay and teacher evaluation were linked to student performance on exams, there was little improvement in scores relative to schools where it was not linked.

Of course, regardless of facts, the debate has devolved quickly into political squabble. Anti-union people see it as an attempt to extort more money out of an already struggling city. Pro-union people point immediately to how poorly teachers are treated regardless of the actual issues at hand. And there are a lot of people who think Chicago school teachers are doing this all at the expense of students, as they are being held out of school.

Ultimately, the decisions made here will have long-term consequences not only on Chicago school children,

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If you don't vote, you don't count



BY LEXI THOMAN
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With the Republican and Democratic National Conventions officially wrapped up, many political analysts refer to the next few weeks as the figurative "home stretch" of the presidential race. Less than two months remain until the Nov. 5 election, and most major polls show President Obama and Republican nominee Mitt Romney either neck and neck with results comfortably within the margin of error, or with President Obama edging out Romney by only a few points.

So what does this mean for the average citizen? Our votes will count more than ever this fall.

But in an election year where the economy is still stuck in a sluggish recovery and unemployment is holding at uncomfortably high levels, it still shocks me how apathetic many college students are about exercising their right to vote.

After sending off my request for an absentee ballot this week, I found myself in a conversation with two friends on the topic of voter apathy. My friends – who have voiced their displeasure about President Obama's administration several times before – actually laughed when they heard all of the hoops that I was jumping through in order to get an absentee ballot.

"That is exactly why I'm not voting," one said. My other friend echoed his statement, adding, "It isn't like my vote would matter anyway."

I must agree with them on one point: Absentee voting is a long and annoying process. For my home state of Missouri,

after mailing in a request weeks in advance, a voter must wait up to two weeks for the paper ballot to arrive. Then after filling it out, the state requires that a notary certify the document before it can be sent back ... all before the deadline.

With so much on the average student's plate, it is easy to push off voting until it is too late. That being said, is it really unreasonable to ask us to take the time to head to the polls once every four years?

Only about half (51 percent) of college-age voters actually cast a ballot in 2008, which was heralded as the second-highest turnout of our voting bloc in U.S. history. But for the age group with the most to lose – policies set today will affect us for much longer than they will our parents' or grandparents' generations – I don't think it is irrational for me to say that I think that our voter turnout should be higher.

One of the most popular

arguments in defense of voter apathy goes something like this: "It is my democratic right NOT to vote." While this statement is certainly true, most Americans aren't trying to make a political statement by boycotting the polls – they're just lazy.

Taking half an hour to head to the polls on Election Day or sending in an absentee ballot is the easiest way to voice your opinion as a citizen of the United States. Our nation is based on this fundamental right. If we choose not to exercise it, is our country truly democratic?

If you are upset with the current administration, vote them out. If you think President Obama deserves another four years, vote to keep him in.

But if you don't vote, you don't count. It's as simple as that.

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An inquiry into exclusivism



BY ANDREW DICKSON
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Three weeks ago I met Pat Ward, the preacher presiding over The Orchard, a Christian Methodist church in Oxford, for coffee.

During our conversation we spoke of his church, the doctrine of Christian Exclusivism and the value of faith. Ward was a good sport, letting me play Nietzsche with him and granting me permission to print the results.

When I speak of “Christian Exclusivism” and “playing Nietzsche,” I’m referring to our presuppositions. For Christian Exclusivists, it’s a fact that no path to God exists without faith in Jesus Christ; for those playing Nietzsche, “It is precisely facts that do not exist, only interpretations.”

(What follows is a reflection of our conversation.)

Andrew Dickson: What does The Orchard offer to people in Oxford – especially students?

Pat Ward: The Orchard is a contemporary expression of the gospel. Services are simple and approachable, even on the first visit, but remain true to the core of Christian faith.

We’re committed to community outreach and offer students the chance to be a part of our family of faith.

AD: Would outreach be more effective if we only had one Christian church in Oxford?

PW: Perhaps, but diversity allows the gospel to reach different groups of people. I don’t think our expression of the gospel is the only expression.

Rather than see another church as the “other,” we can view Christians as representatives of one body, each church being a different part with its own unique function.

AD: You spoke earlier of a “family of faith.” What is the value of faith?

PW: As faith grows we can use it to help our neighbors. Imagine a man who commits a crime, serves his time, is released and subsequently joins a church.

Then, to his surprise, he discovers the two victims of his crime are also members of the church.

But through faith this couple understands the grace of God and is capable of offering grace to the former offender. A family of faith is more interested in God’s plan for the future than the dealings of the past. Faith is less of an end and more of a

means to living a life that matters.

AD: Nietzsche writes: “Love of one is a piece of barbarism, for it is practiced at the expense of all others – love of God likewise.” Is it possible to have faith to a fault? – Westboro and 9/11 come to mind.

PW: The Orchard expression of faith is a combination of our love for God and our love for our neighbors. To take Westboro as an example: There is a gap between their reverence for God and their reverence for a mourning father of a Marine.

This is one reason we put such an emphasis on outreach: Love is not intended to be a blanket feeling, but something expressed through actions.

AD: Now for the more difficult questions: Is belief in Christianity necessary for salvation?

PW: If we take Christ at his word when he said that no one comes to the Father except through him, the implication is that Christ is absolutely necessary for salvation.

AD: Is Jesus’ claim not egoism?

PW: Not in the context of

Jesus’ life. Instead of a rise to power, his life is characterized by the ultimate sacrifice – surrendering his life for others. In the context of Christ’s divinity, this is not egoism but rather God’s way of saying, “This is what my love looks like.”

This brings us to the end of my transcription and back to the fundamental presuppositions of our conversation: The Christian Exclusivist presupposes that the ultimate truth has either been revealed or is being revealed; those playing Nietzsche presuppose that exclusivists simply wish to express their will to power.

Pat Ward is an energetic seeker who cares for the Oxford community. I encourage readers to visit The Orchard and hear him speak.

The Orchard is located at 1606 Molly Barr Road and holds worship at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sundays. Visit TheOrchardOxford.net/fall2012 for more.

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but on school children across the United States. The Chicago school district is one of the largest in the United States, so many in the future will model their school programs on Chicago’s.

We should all be supporting the teachers in this debate. The Chicago government thinks that they have found a solution in tying teacher evaluations to student performance on standardized tests. If this becomes their major reform, they will be comfortable to sit back and wait.

Putting future generations at risk in what basically amounts to an experiment is not worth the cost of hard-working teachers’ jobs in any circumstance ever. But that’s what the city of Chicago is trying to accomplish.

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If you choose to consume alcohol, be smart and set safe limits, avoid drinking games and rapid consumption, stay hydrated, and use a designated driver or taxi. The University of Mississippi is a family, and we look out for one another and take care of each other. Irresponsible behavior, misuse of alcohol and/or drugs, vandalism and violence is not the Ole Miss way and will not be tolerated.

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already present in Oxford. The new facility, which will feature interior-corridor rooms, is set to include 124 traditional rooms and four suite-style rooms. A fourth-floor rooftop veranda bar, which will overlook the Square, is included in the plans, as are a fully-equipped media room, boardrooms for corporate guests and a complete state-of-the-art fitness center. The aim of the reinvention of the Inn's image and facility is to promote Oxford's economic development, which, according to Chamblee, includes "getting guests out of the door and onto the Square."

"In cities such as New York and Atlanta, hotels will have fine dining restaurants in their

hotels in order to separate their property from the others," Chamblee said. "We believe the Oxford Square has the all the amenities that the town needs."

Because of the dining and entertainment available on the Square, Chamblee said the town deserves a comfortable, "first-class destination hotel" to serve as a launching point for people's stay in Oxford.

One Oxford shop owner, John Welty, is not so sure of the outcome of the closure of the current Inn.

"I haven't thought much about how it'll affect my business, but I think people will still come to the Square to shop at our stores even if they aren't staying on the Square," said Welty, owner of Mississippi Madness. "I do think that it will be a good thing for Oxford down the road to have a new hotel."

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that most people have become accustomed to. However, on game day, all bets are off.

From parking on the sidewalk to having people create their own spaces, Ole Miss becomes a maelstrom of cars, trucks and RVs. This weekend is sure to go down in Ole Miss' history as one of the most people-packed games.

"I think parking as a whole is bad on ballgame day, and this is really going to stretch our parking capacity," Chief of Field Operations at UPD Michael Harmon said. "We do anticipate a lot more cars and a lot more traffic."

With the record breaking amount of people that is expected to arrive, the university will have the local authori-

ties manning traffic control for the smoothest experience possible.

"Officers control the traffic signals by remote control," OPD Chief of Police Mike Martin said. "What this means is that we manually tell the traffic signal when to change to allow traffic to flow off each street. Officers also place signs and cones to direct the traffic flow both before and after games. After games most streets leaving campus are converted to one way (off the campus)."

Even the Airport at Ole Miss is expecting more air traffic than they have experienced in the past. They predict to have more planes flying in than on normal game day weekends.

"It is more planes than we ever had before," airport employee Sylvia Barron said. "It is hard to judge how many are coming because they do

not make reservations, they just show up. It is a first come first serve basis. If we run out of room to store planes, the planes are allowed to drop passengers off and leave."

Knowing how game days go, most students are avoiding using their personal transportation on Saturday.

"I'm taking a taxi," marketing junior Luis Beristain said. "It is a lot better than trying to find somewhere to park."

It will be a busy day on Saturday starting in the morning, and police in the area have a few tips for people to avoid the traffic in the best possible ways.

"We encourage people to try and come early," Harmon said. "If you wait two to three hours before kickoff, unless you've got a paid parking spot, you won't be able to get to the center part of the county."

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‘Million Hearts Grant’ helps raise awareness of CVD

The state of Mississippi has the nation’s highest mortality rate from cardiovascular disease (CVD), and The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy is committed to improving the health of Mississippians with the help of the Million Hearts Grant.

BY TAYLOR DELANDRO
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The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy is taking the initiative to help prevent CVD by conducting health fairs in communities throughout the state with a focus on underserved communities.

The pharmacy school was selected as one of 15 out of 70 applicants to be awarded a Million Hearts Grant from the National Association of Chain Drug Stores Foundation.

Dr. Leigh Ann Ross, associate dean for clinical affairs and chair of the department of pharmacy practice, said she feels that the Million Hearts Grant will align with their current project goals that have already taken place in underserved Delta communities by identifying and educating more residents who are at risk for CVD.

“I believe this grant provides an opportunity to iden-

tify additional patients at risk for CVD, which helps fulfill the service mission of the School of Pharmacy,” Ross said.

Bryan Hubbard and Katie Stone, first professional year pharmacy students, feel that the pharmacy school receiving this grant will be good publicity for the university.

“We’ll be putting our name out, letting the public know we’re the ones responsible for going out (and) helping people in communities that are probably more elderly and less fortunate,” Hubbard said.

“Some people are not fortunate enough to make a visit to the hospital or go to the doctor on a regular basis; all of these things will be checked, and we’ll be providing that for them,” Stone added.

Health fairs will be hosted by student pharmacists and faculty members. To support these fairs, the pharmacy school was given \$5,000.

Student pharmacists will



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lead blood pressure screenings, cholesterol screenings, blood glucose screenings, medication reviews and health risk assessments. Health fairs will be held in community pharmacies in Batesville, Clarksdale, Her-

nando, Jackson, Vicksburg and Yazoo City.

Ross said she feels that with so many Mississippians being impacted by CVD, it is imperative that they are educated and empowered to make decisions to prevent devastating outcomes or death from this disease.

“We hope to identify patients at risk, provide education and, ultimately, prevent a heart attack, stroke or other adverse outcome,” she said.

“We also hope our pharmacy students will gain experience in providing direct patient care and education to underserved patient populations.”

Stone said it will provide great general experience for student pharmacists and plenty of hands-on experience as well.

“We’re not really able to (get experience) all the time, and I think that it will be great experience for whenever we go out into the ‘real world,’” she said.



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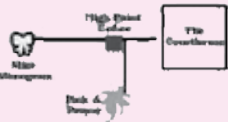
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out the tear gas. The student leaders went their separate ways.

"I went back to the journalism building to try to put out the special edition (of the Mississippian)."

Mitchell's editorial "Violence Will Not Help" was published in that edition, which ran on Oct. 1, 1962.

Mitchell first heard of James Meredith's enrollment in early August that year. For the most part, she doesn't think people paid that much attention to it at first.

"Not until we got some of the TV stations down here," she said. "I guess this is when I really became a cynic."

Because of everything going on with the university at the time, Mitchell said this students scared to silence.

"I think students were afraid to speak out for various reasons," she said. "Students were afraid of repercussion."

However, Mitchell said Gray Johnson, vice president of the student body, expressed his concern.

"He did come out and encourage people not to cause disturbances."

After Mitchell's editorial ran, she not only faced confrontations from students, but also had a problem with an instructor.

"It was very obvious that one of my history, I think it was southern history, professors didn't agree (with the integration)," she said.

One day, Mitchell was called out of an exam by a law enforcement officer.

"I had to go to the alumni house and face a bunch of old white men."

She had asked to be able to take her exam, and the professor wouldn't let her.

"I had to go to the dean, and ultimately, I was able to take my exam and I had to take it by myself," she said.

This didn't change Mitchell's overall view of the faculty.

"The faculty, with that exception, as far as I know, totally supported what I wrote."

Mitchell particularly expressed the support she received from James Silver and his wife.

"I probably would've lost my sanity without them," she said.

They took her "under their wings." Silver, who was friends with Meredith, had advised Mitchell not to reach out to Meredith to avoid problems. Mitchell said that had she not been advised to, she probably still wouldn't have tried.

"Dr. Silver just reinforced my thinking," she said. "If I had reached out to just do an interview, even that as a white female, (it) could've created problems."

She was not opposed to Meredith's enrollment by any means.

"I felt that Meredith had a right to be there," she said. "After all, he paid taxes like all the other students."

She also said that even the white out-of-state students had no trouble getting in as long as their grades were OK. In a previous submission, she was approached by a student with nasty comments which made her "a little nervous of times" and "more a feeling of being uncomfortable."

However, Mitchell had supportive friends by her side during this time. She was invited by a high school



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friend, who was the president of the student body at the University of Alabama, to speak at the campus.

"Bill Silver, Dr. Silver's son, insisted that he drive

me over because they (Silver and son) were concerned and I was too," she said. "But we didn't have any problems."

Looking back at the riots, Mitchell, who didn't know

any of the rioters, felt that it wasn't the right way to get a point across.

"I don't know what possessed them, or why they thought that was gaining anything," she said.

Mitchell added that most of the rioters were not students.

"Perhaps that was their way to voice their opinion rather than in a calm, rational way."

Despite the uncomfortable results of her editorial, Mitchell said she has no regrets writing it, but she, at the time, had one concern on her mind.

"Most of my father's business was in Mississippi," she said "I was concerned on how that might affect his business."

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It's been a whirlwind year for Ole Miss men's tennis sophomore Nik Scholtz, and this week he's experiencing the thrill of a lifetime.

Scholtz, who began the year as the highest ranked SEC player in the nation at No. 5, is in Montreal, Canada, representing his home country, South Africa, in the Davis Cup. The World Group playoff against Canada begins Friday at the Uniprix Stadium in Montreal.

No. 22 Lady Rebels prepare to kick off conference play

The Ole Miss women's soccer squad has tied a school record for best start in a season as the No. 22 nationally ranked Rebels sit at 7-0. Ole Miss will look to break the record as they open up SEC play on Friday night.

BY JAKE THOMPSON
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There has not been a bigger sports weekend for Ole Miss in quite some time. With Texas set to come in Saturday night for one of the biggest football matchups in recent memory, the buzz around campus is building, but it isn't all about the action on the gridiron. The Ole Miss women's soccer team has created a little buzz of their own.

The No. 22 nationally ranked Ole Miss Lady Rebels are 7-0, which is tied for the best start in school history, and look to start Southeastern Conference play off on the right foot when they welcome Arkansas and No. 10 Texas A&M to Oxford this weekend.

"We are certainly excited to start SEC play," head coach Matt Mott. "I told the girls on Saturday that we are now 0-0, starting all over again as

we begin conference play."

The weekend begins with Arkansas on Friday night. The Lady Razorbacks are 3-3 and coming off a 1-0 loss to No. 1 Florida State this past Sunday, which is something Mott certainly paid close attention to.

"(Arkansas) is very well organized, tough defensively and will be a very difficult task for us," Mott said.

The Rebels look to avenge their 2-1 overtime loss in Fayetteville last season. The Razorbacks are led by first-year head coach Colby Hale. Arkansas has lacked offense early this season with only four goals in six games.

Four different players have accounted for the scoring, but freshman forward Ashleigh Ellenwood has produced the most for the Razorbacks with one goal and one assist on the year. Senior forward Allie Chandler has taken 13 shots on goal, but has been unable to find the net.

Texas A&M enters their first year in the SEC and play LSU on Friday night to start conference play. The Lady Aggies are 6-1 on the year and defeated two top-20 teams in the nonconference schedule. They defeated then-No. 16 Rutgers 4-1 at home on August 31 and shut out then-No. 16 Long Beach State 3-0 on Friday night.

The Aggies are strong offensively, averaging two goals per game with 14 goals for the season. Defensively, they have allowed only three goals through the first seven games. Sophomore goalkeeper Jordan Day has a streak of 336 consecutive scoreless minutes, dating back to the 24th minute of the Rutgers game.

Ole Miss will look to have the answer on how to score against Day as the Rebels have had a very potent offense during their nonconference schedule. The Lady Rebels are averaging over

3.7 goals per game with 26 goals for the season. Junior midfielder/forward Mandy McCalla and junior forward Rafaelle Souza have each scored a league-leading seven goals to lead the attack.

Attendance has been strong for the soccer games this season, and the team has fed off the energy in the stands. Mott recognizes that a lot of people will be flooding Oxford this weekend and hopes they will come check out this weekend's soccer action.

"We want a big crowd out there Friday night," Mott said. "The crowds have been fantastic. We look for Rebel Nation to come out and support us before the big football game on Saturday."

Kickoff for Friday's match is set for 7 p.m. and Sunday's game is set for 1 p.m.

For continuing coverage of Ole Miss soccer, follow @thedm_sports and @WildRebel27 on Twitter.

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Volleyball opens SEC play with league's two newest members

The Lady Rebel volleyball team has competed in three tournaments this season, and now, they turn their attention toward Southeastern Conference play this weekend with a pair of road matches.



Senior outside hitter Allegra Wells

BY CAMAL PETRO
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After starting the season with a 6-3 record, the Ole Miss Lady Rebels' volleyball team will open Southeastern Conference play on the road with visits to the league's newest members, Texas A&M and Missouri.

Texas A&M enters with an 8-1 record, suffering their lone loss to No. 5 Southern California, 3-1. Senior opposite hitter Alisia Kastmo leads the Aggies in kills with 91, averaging 3.37 per set. Another leader on the team is senior middle blocker Lindsey Miller. She has recorded 69 kills, which is third on the team, and leads the team with 33 blocks.

"We're the first ones to get a hold of them," assistant coach Shannon Wells said at Monday's press conference. "We're really excited. We're predicting they're going to have about 3,000 people in the stands."

Missouri (8-2) is another skilled team with an excellent home-court advantage, averaging over a thousand fans per game. Their two losses are to Michigan and Morehead State, with the Michigan loss coming at home.

The Tigers are led by junior outside hitter Lisa Henning and sophomore middle blocker Whitney Little. Henning leads the team with 145 kills, averaging 4.39 per set. She is also second on the team with 22 blocks. Little has recorded 78 kills, second on the team, and leads the team in blocks with 35.

"They're 8-2 so far this year and have taken care of business," Wells said. "It should be

fun and exciting. We're going to depend on our seniors."

Team communication will be key for the Lady Rebels heading into tough road environments.

"It's huge," redshirt freshman middle blocker Ty Laporte said of communication. "You want to drown them out. Let them know this is your court."

At last weekend's Magnolia Invitational, which Ole Miss won with wins against Alabama A&M, Rice and North Dakota, the Lady Rebels did a great job communicating on the court and with their coaches on the sidelines.

"We just really try and focus on communicating with each other, what blocking lineups, what defenses we're in," senior outside hitter Kara Morgan said. "We just always want to be on the same page, and being on the same page keeps us on top of our game."

Last weekend, Laporte – who is coming off an injury suffered last season – made her presence known in the middle blocker position, recording 24 kills in the three matches of the Magnolia Invitational.

"(Laporte) tore her ACL last year and kind of had her coming out party this weekend," Wells said. "(She) had a lot of oohs and ahhs from the crowd every time she jumped up in the air."

Ole Miss plays Texas A&M on Friday at 7 p.m. and Missouri on Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

For continuing coverage of Ole Miss volleyball, follow @thedm_sports and @CamalPetro on Twitter.

OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

Rebel baseball announces '13 schedule

The Ole Miss baseball team will play 31 home games and play nine series against NCAA Tournament teams from a year ago as a part of the 2013 schedule head coach Mike Bianco announced on Wednesday.

The Rebels will open the season at home against TCU in a three-game series, kicking off the year against the team Ole Miss faced in the NCAA Regional championship game last year. It's the first of eight-straight home games to start the year for the Rebels.

Twenty-seven of the Rebels' 56-game schedule will be against teams who advanced to the post-season last year.

"We're excited about our schedule this upcoming season and think it is one that will be of interest to our fans as well," Bianco said. "We have a good mix of teams in the non-conference that we hope will challenge us as we prepare for the rigors of the Southeastern Conference."

The season opens against TCU (Feb. 15-17) as one of four weekend series in non-conference action. Ole Miss will also play home weekend series against Rhode Island (Feb. 22 – 24) and Lipscomb (Mar. 8-10). Home midweek games against UT-Martin (Feb. 20), Memphis (Feb. 26) and a pair of non-conference games against Southeastern Louisiana (March 5-6) mark the early non-conference games for the Rebels.

Ole Miss will also go on the road for non-conference games at Florida International (March 1-3) and Louisiana-Monroe (March 12-13) before kicking off Southeastern Conference play. Scattered throughout SEC play will be non-conference home games



Ole Miss head coach Mike Bianco

against Arkansas State (March 27), Arkansas-Pine Bluff (April 24) and Saint Louis (May 1).

The Rebels will play five home series in conference play and five road series. Ole Miss will host Texas A&M (March 22-24), Vanderbilt (April 5-7), Alabama (April 12-14), Kentucky (April 26-28) and Mississippi State (May 10-12).

Road series in conference play include trips to Arkansas (March 15-17), Florida (March 29-31), Tennessee (April 19-

21), Auburn (May 3-5) and LSU (May 16-18).

Ole Miss will also play non-conference road games at Arkansas State (March 20), Memphis (April 2) and Southern Miss (May 14).

The annual meetings with Mississippi State in the Governor's Cup game (April 9) and Southern Miss (April 16) at Trustmark Park highlight the rest of the midweek non-conference matchups for the Rebels.

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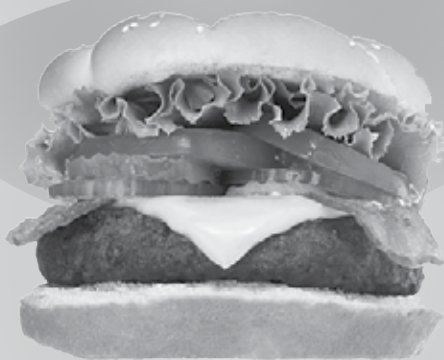
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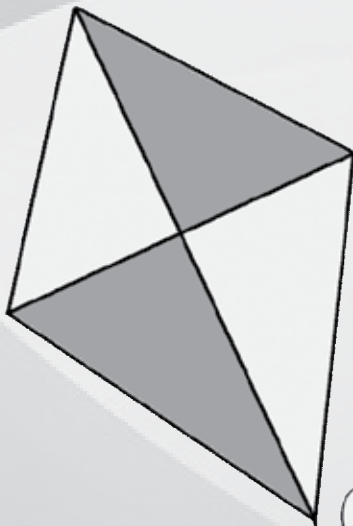
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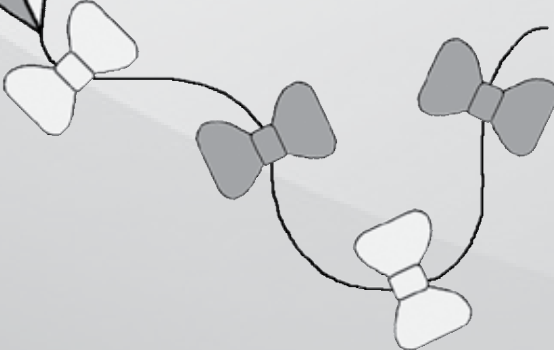
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SEC Football Power Poll: Week 2

By David Collier | thedmsports@gmail.com

In this week's installment, The Daily Mississippian's sports editor David Collier will rank the 14 Southeastern Conference teams. Opponents, game times and television networks are also included for each team. For the full power poll, visit theDMonline.com.

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This week: Western Kentucky (1-1), 6 p.m., ESPNU</p> |

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"about a quarter" to get adjusted to the speed of the game.

Texas presents different challenges for Wallace and the Ole Miss offense

After being named the starting quarterback on Monday, sophomore Bo Wallace will turn his attention to an aggressive Texas defense built around team speed.

"They are going to blitz you on pretty much every snap," co-offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach Dan Werner said. "They are going to bring guys from all over. They will try to bring three or four from one side and slant the other way. It is a complicated scheme that causes problems for people."

Werner stressed the importance of Wallace making the right reads against one of the nation's best defenses.

"He has to set the protection to get himself protected first," Werner said. "If he doesn't get protected, it doesn't matter what is happening in the secondary. Once he does get protected, he has to find the open guy obviously, but they'll run a lot of man, some zone, so he has to see what is happening at the back end and where to go with the ball."

Werner also had a lot of praise for the Texas defense, particularly the secondary.

"They are very athletic," Werner said. "They're an SEC type football team. They are

big and physical up front and in the secondary they can really run. They play a lot of man coverage, so you can see back there they aren't letting a lot of people go free. They're just an athletic, talented football team."

Marry and the defense prepare for Texas' offense

Led by sophomore quarterback David Ash, Texas is ranked 52nd in the nation in total yards (433.5 ypg). The Longhorns' passing game ranks 69th in the nation (220.5 ypg), while sophomore running backs Joe Bergeron and Malcolm Brown combine for the nation's 34th-ranked ground game (213.0 ypg). However, junior linebacker Mike Marry said Ole Miss is worried about just one thing: speed.

"They've got a lot of speed," Marry said. "They are a good football team, but we are going into the game not really worrying about what they are doing. We are worried about how we will execute what we have to do. The biggest thing is us doing our job."

Although many are comparing Texas to an SEC school, Marry sees things differently.

"It's kind of similar," Marry said. "I wouldn't say it is exactly the same though."

Marry said the Ole Miss defense improved a lot from week one to week two, but the man in the middle of the Rebels' defense still sees the need for improvement before Saturday's game.

"We need to fly to the ball and bring your eyes in the right place," Marry said. "We have the ability to do our job, so we just have to focus our eyes in and do the right thing."

Gross still dealing with calf injury

Freshman defensive lineman Issac Gross had one of the best fall camps for Ole Miss. However in week one, Gross suffered a calf injury that sidelined him and has limited his participation in practice.

At Wednesday's practice, Gross spent his time on the stationary bike for the second straight day.

"He's got some blood in his calf muscle," Freeze said. "I think he'll be fine. We just wanted to hold him out today. He probably could've done some stuff today, but there is nothing structurally wrong. We expect him to go. He's tough. He'll be fine."

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As Ole Miss prepares for Saturday’s matchup with No. 14 Texas, co-offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach Dan Werner is getting his offense ready to face a talented Longhorns defense.

BY MATT SIGLER
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Head coach Hugh Freeze praised the high energy from his team in Wednesday afternoon’s practice, ahead of the Rebels’ biggest opponent this season.

“It was good,” Freeze said of Wednesday’s energy. “We were a little sloppy in the offensive line, picking up in some of the stuff that (Texas) does. It can cause you some confusion, and they are going to create some negative plays. It’s going to happen. It happens against everyone they play.”

With the talk of the weekend’s matchup with the Longhorns being heard all over Oxford,

Freeze has to make sure that his players are doing what they’re supposed to do, and so far, they have.

“I like our demeanor,” Freeze said. “I like our coaches’ demeanor. It’s all about business. We really haven’t treated this like any other week, and it’s really not. We are going to have a lot of games that are going to be big games. You better learn how to prepare for all of them the same, or you’ll get on a rollercoaster and I don’t like rollercoasters.”

One of the biggest worries for Freeze and his staff is the overall team speed of the Longhorns. He said he thinks it will take

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Sophomore quarterback Bo Wallace

THOMAS GRANING | The Daily Mississippian

John Hartwell Named Troy University AD

TROY, Ala. – Ole Miss Senior Executive Associate A.D. John Hartwell will be named Director of Athletics at Troy University Friday at 11 a.m. in a press conference at the Rane Auditorium in the Tine Davis Fieldhouse.

A native of Mobile and a 1987 Citadel graduate, Hartwell spent the past nine years in Ole Miss’ athletics leadership, including the final three as Senior Executive Associate A.D.


“John Hartwell exemplifies all of the characteristics that the selection committee and I were looking for as Troy’s next director of athletics,” Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins said.

At Ole Miss, Hartwell has served as the Treasurer and Chief Operating Officer of the UMAA Foundation. He had day-to-day oversight of Football, Men’s Basketball and Baseball, along with sport oversight of Men’s and Women’s Track and Cross Country and Softball. He also oversaw the business office, the ticket office, the equipment room, merchandise sales, concessions and football scheduling during his tenure.

“I have truly enjoyed working with John the past five months in his role here at Ole Miss,” said Rebel Athletics Director Ross Bjork. “John has a great background in athletics at a high level, and from my experience in competing against Troy University during my time in the Sun Belt Conference, I believe he is a perfect fit for their program. I congratulate Dr. Hawkins for making this selection and we wish John, Heather and their family the best as they move to Alabama and represent Troy University.”

Bjork said an evaluation of the position will occur before beginning the process of filling Hartwell’s role.

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